

Table 3.E2.—Number and percent of poor persons, by age, at end of 1959–97 ¹

[Civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Age and family status ²	1959	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990 ³	1996	1997
Total civilian noninstitutionalized population ⁴ (in millions)								
All ages	176.5	202.5	210.4	225.0	236.6	248.6	266.2	268.5
Children under 18 in families	64.0	69.9	64.8	62.2	62.0	64.9	70.4	69.8
With—								
Male householder ⁵	58.3	60.8	54.1	50.6	49.5	49.5	52.6	52.8
Female householder	5.7	9.0	10.6	11.5	12.5	15.4	17.8	16.9
18–54 ⁶	81.0	94.9	104.7	116.3	125.2	132.3	142.5	143.3
55–64	15.5	18.4	19.8	21.7	22.1	21.3	21.5	22.3
65 or older	15.6	19.3	21.7	24.7	27.3	30.1	31.9	32.1
In families	11.9	13.4	14.8	16.7	18.4	20.1	21.2	21.4
Unrelated individuals	3.7	5.8	6.9	8.0	8.9	10.0	10.7	10.6
Men	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.8
Women	2.5	4.4	5.4	6.3	7.0	7.7	8.0	7.9
Number poor (in millions) ⁴								
All ages	39.5	25.3	25.9	29.3	33.1	33.6	36.5	35.6
Children under 18 in families	17.2	10.5	10.9	11.1	12.5	13.3	14.2	13.4
With—								
Male householder ⁵	13.1	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.8	5.3	5.7	5.4
Female householder	4.1	4.8	5.6	5.9	6.7	8.0	8.5	8.0
18–54 ⁶	13.4	8.2	9.7	12.2	14.8	14.6	16.7	16.1
55–64	3.3	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.2
65 or older	5.5	4.7	3.3	3.9	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.4
In families	3.2	2.0	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Unrelated individuals	2.3	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.2
Men7	.5	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
Women	1.6	2.2	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9	1.8
Percent poor ⁴								
All ages	22.4	12.6	12.3	13.0	14.0	13.5	13.7	13.3
Children under 18 in families	26.9	15.0	16.8	17.9	20.1	20.5	20.2	19.2
With—								
Male householder ⁵	22.4	9.3	9.8	10.4	11.7	10.7	10.9	10.2
Female householder	72.2	53.4	52.7	50.8	53.6	52.1	47.7	47.5
18–54 ⁶	16.5	8.7	9.2	10.5	11.8	11.0	11.7	11.2
55–64	21.5	11.4	10.2	9.5	10.5	9.7	10.3	10.0
65 or older	35.2	24.6	15.3	15.7	12.6	12.2	10.8	10.5
In families	26.9	14.7	8.0	8.5	6.4	5.9	5.6	5.3
Unrelated individuals	61.9	47.1	31.0	30.6	25.6	24.8	20.9	21.0
Men	59.0	38.9	27.7	24.4	20.5	17.3	14.0	16.2
Women	63.3	49.7	31.9	32.3	27.0	26.9	23.3	22.7

¹ Data for 1970 and 1975 are based on the 1970 Census of Population controls.² Income and poverty status refer to the calendar year shown; family status is as of March of the succeeding year.³ Based on revised methodology.⁴ Includes Armed Forces in the United States living off post or with families on post. Excludes unrelated individuals under age 16.⁵ Includes children in families with both spouses present and in families with male householder with no spouse present.⁶ Includes persons under age 18 listed as unrelated individual, family householder, spouse of householder, or other family member.Source: Public use file of the March 1998 Income Supplement, Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau. For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports*, P-60 series.